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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, LY, US  
SUBJECT: CALL ON DIRECTOR OF UN DEPARTMENT, LIBYAN MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. DURING MY OPENING CALL AUG 15 ON DIRECTOR OF UN AFFAIRS  
NAJIB SHAYBANI, HE BEGAN WITH AN ACCOUNT OF LIBYAN  
UNHAPPINESS WITH THE STATUS OF US-LIBYAN RELATIONS AND  
EXPRESSED HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT. HE THEN REVIEWED STATUS  
OF U.S. DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION ELSEWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA  
AND ARGUED THAT IT WAS AN ANOMALY AND CONTRARY TO  
INTERNATIONAL USAGE FOR THE U.S. TO REFUSE TO EXCHANGE  
AMBASSADORS WITH LIBYA.

2. WITHOUT WAITING FOR ME TO RAISE TERRORISM ISSUE,  
SHAYBANI LAUNCHED INTO THE USUAL LIBYAN DEFENSE OF LIBYAN  
SUPPORT FOR "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS." FROM THIS HE INFERRED  
THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC OPINION HAD  
CONFUSED SUCH SUPPORT WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, WHILE  
IN FACT LIBYAN GOVT STRONGLY OPPOSES TERRORISM. IN  
REPLY I ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WAS AN AREA IN WHICH  
THERE COULD BE DIFFERENT VIEWS REGARDING THE  
DEFINITION OF TERRORISM. HOWEVER, THERE WERE OTHER  
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ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THIRD COUNTRIES INVOLVING  
INNOCENT PEOPLE, WHICH ARE UNIVERSALLY REGARDED AS  
CONSTITUTING TERRORISM, AND IT IS WITH THESE THE USG  
AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY CONCERNED.

3. SHAYBANI CLAIMED THAT LIBYA WAS NOT SUPPORTING  
SUCH ACTIVITIES, AND HE CITED LIBYA'S ADHERENCE TO

THE MONTREAL, TOKYO AND HAGUE CONVENTIONS ON AIRCRAFT  
HIJACKING RING WHICH HE PROMISED TO SEND US A  
WRITTEN NOTE.

4. I EXPRESSED HOPE TO DEVELOP A DIALOGUE FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF EXPLORING WAYS TO IMPROVE THE ADMITTEDLY  
UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF US-LIBYAN RELATIONS. SHAYBANI  
OFFERED TO BE OF HELP AND SAID HE WOULD BE SEEING  
LIBYA'S UN REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR KIKHYA, AND  
WOULD DISCUSS LATTER'S DESIRE TO CONTACT THE USG AT A  
HIGH LEVEL, WHICH I URGED SHOULD BEGIN WITH UNDER  
SECRETARY NEWSOM.

5. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, NEW LIBYAN CHARGE IN  
WASHINGTON, MADFAI, WILL BE COMING TO THE RESIDENCE  
EVENING OF AUG 16 FOR A PRIVATE DISCUSSION. HE DOES  
NOT INTEND TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON UNTIL AFTER THE  
POST-RAMADAN HOLIDAY FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER.  
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